

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re continuing application of: David J. Dodge

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**FOR CONTINUING APPLICATION**

The above-identified application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/966,257, filed September 28, 2001 ("the parent application"), which was allowed on September 16, 2003. The Examiner is requested to enter this preliminary amendment prior to examining the present application. An Amendment to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks concerning the amendments appear in the sections that follow.